

The entire proposal from the ARRL is the most intelligent suggestion by far, for amateur radio license restructuring, with one exception; ELIMINATE THE CODE! I have been a ham for over ten years and had no choice but to learn the code when I obtained my Novice ticket. To this day I have yet to make a contact using CW because it doesn't appeal to me. Non-amateurs to this day still think you are required to know Morse Code to obtain any amateur license. Technology is changing rapidly, especially with the use of the Internet. With those changes, to be required to demonstrate the ability to copy such a language is not in the best interest to amateur radio's future. If someone wants to learn and use it, great but don't make it a requirement just so you can use other bands and modes. We need to keep in mind the fate of amateur radio's future and retaining the code requirement will only hinder that advancement. Please support the ARRL's proposal without the code requirement.